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# STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE FOR ALBERTA

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## MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURE SITUATION

### WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about June 1, 1954, they held 1,725.1 million bushels of wheat for export on carryover some 40 per cent greater than the 1,232.1 million available a year ago. Supplies in millions of bushels, including on-farm stocks (with last years' figures in brackets) were: United States, 878.3 (574.3); Canada 614.5 (457.2); Australia 132.5 (79.0); and the Argentine 99.8 (121.6).

Exports of wheat and flour from the four major exporting countries for August to May of the present crop year were 525.0 million bushels, down 23 per cent from last seasons' shipments of 681.5 million for the same period.

On Monday June 7, the price of No. 1 Northern wheat was reduced 10 1/8 cents a bushel to meet a reduction in the price of wheat offered for export by the United States.

According to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, wheat acreage in Alberta is down 8 per cent from 1953 figures, oats remain the same but the acreage sown to barley is 12 per cent lower than last year. Summerfallow acreage gained 17 per cent. Complete figures are shown on the following page.

### LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock, January 1 to July 17 (1953 figures in brackets) total; slaughter cattle 31,366 (6,662); feeders, 6,887 (368); dairy 17,270 (22,613); calves 3,461 (2,189); hogs 6,248 (13,566); and sheep 514 (616). Dressed meat exports in pounds were: beef 15,116,230 (11,695,458); pork 23,168,569 (31,149,858); and mutton and lamb 66,886 (33,820). The marketing of cattle and calves in Alberta continue at a high level as compared to 1953 marketings. However, sheep and lamb sales for June show a decrease from June of last year. The number of hogs slaughtered are now above 1953 figures for two consecutive months, May and June.

The production of creamery butter in June was 7 per cent below production in June 1953. Total production for the period January to June is now the same for each year.

### POULTRY:

The number of eggs graded in Alberta in June this year was 14 per cent above gradings for June a year ago. The January to June gradings, however, were only 1.6 per cent up. The estimated number of eggs placed in registered hatcheries to July 17 were 12,021,000 compared to 10,470,000 last year. Poult hatchings to June 30 were 606,118 compared to 449,226 an increase of about 35 per cent over last year.

### CONDITION OF CROPS:

Warm dry weather has hastened crop advancement in the south and some east-central sections. At the same time moisture reserves have been seriously depleted and crop deterioration has taken place on dry land. Moisture conditions are still good to excessive in most central and northern districts and recent rains in the Peace River country saved crops from very serious drought damage. In most areas, the danger of frost damage continues.

## PRELIMINARY CROP AND LIVE STOCK ESTIMATES BASIS JUNE I AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

### Acreages of field crops and summerfallow in Alberta and the Prairie Provinces.

| CROPS | ALBERTA 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1954 as per cent of 1953 | PRAIRIE PROVINCES 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1954 as per cent of 1953 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | - thousands of acres - | | | | % | - thousands of acres - | | | | % |
| Wheat | 6,424 | 6,404 | 6,340 | 5,862 | 92 | 24,385 | 25,204 | 24,648 | 23,437 | 95 |
| Oats | 2,854 | 2,587 | 2,357 | 2,354 | 100 | 8,312 | 7,560 | 6,490 | 6,715 | 103 |
| Barley | 3,041 | 3,336 | 3,489 | 3,053 | 83 | 7,530 | 8,145 | 8,599 | 7,568 | 88 |
| Rye | 284 | 380 | 460 | 215 | 47 | 1,047 | 1,193 | 1,411 | 753 | 53 |
| Flaxseed | 135 | 167 | 164 | 215 | 131 | 1,086 | 1,047 | 926 | 1,177 | 127 |
| Tame Hay | 1,206 | 1,292 | 1,300 | 1,343 | 103 | 2,177 | 2,295 | 2,290 | 2,429 | 106 |
| Summerfallow | 6,195 | 6,146 | 6,375 | 7,474 | 117 | 21,569 | 21,245 | 22,764 | 25,253 | 111 |

### Number of Live Stock on Farms in Alberta and Canada, June 1, 1954

| | | Cattle | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Cows | | Yearling Heifers | | | | |
| | | Bulls | For Milk | For Beef | For Milk | For Beef | Steers | Calves | Total |
| Alberta | 1953 | 41,000 | 289,000 | 560,000 | 85,000 | 189,000 | 216,000 | 530,000 | 1,910,000 |
| | 1954 | 44,000 | 303,000 | 598,000 | 82,000 | 193,000 | 235,000 | 555,000 | 2,010,000 |
| Canada | 1953 | 236,100 | 3,146,200 | 1,435,200 | 941,400 | 665,400 | 891,200 | 2,446,700 | 9,762,200 |
| | 1954 | 233,900 | 3,233,000 | 1,530,800 | 907,500 | 664,000 | 893,900 | 2,490,900 | 9,954,000 |

| | | Sheep and Lambs | | | Hogs | | | Horses |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Over 1 Year | Lambs | Total | Under 6 Months | Over 6 Months | Total | All Ages |
| Alberta | 1953 | 240,400 | 191,600 | 432,000 | 883,000 | 297,000 | 1,180,000 | 222,000 |
| | 1954 | 273,000 | 255,000 | 528,000 | 1,048,000 | 360,000 | 1,408,000 | 197,000 |
| Canada | 1953 | 889,100 | 832,200 | 1,721,300 | 3,444,600 | 1,002,400 | 4,447,000 | 1,096,200 |
| | 1954 | 912,700 | 891,700 | 1,804,400 | 4,006,000 | 1,135,000 | 5,141,000 | 993,300 |

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# GRAIN MARKETINGS - ALBERTA

## FARMERS' MARKETINGS INCLUDING PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS AND ESTIMATED INCOME RECEIVED

CROP YEAR - 1 August, 1952 - July 31, 1953
1 August, 1953 - July 31, 1954

| | WHEAT | | OATS | | BARLEY | | RYE | | FLAX SEED | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1952-53 | 1953-54 | 1952-53 | 1953-54 | 1952-53 | 1953-54 | 1952-53 | 1953-54 | 1952-53 | 1953-54 |
| | | | | | - thousands of bushels - | | | | | |
| **Marketings:** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Month of June | 9,462 | 9,848 | 2,959 | 1,789 | 3,117 | 2,245 | 299 | 363 | 75 | 34 |
| Season, August - June | 117,255 | 100,877 | 30,130 | 26,053 | 51,353 | 29,906 | 4,079 | 2,690 | 1,732 | 1,753 |
| **Estimated Farm Returns:** | | | | | - dollars per bushel - | | | | | |
| Initial Payment | 1.10 | 1.14 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.76 | 0.73 | $1.33^x$ | $0.81^x$ | $3.10^x$ | $2.33^x$ |
| Interim Payments: | | | | | | | | | | |
| February 18, 1953 | 0.20 | | | | | | | | | |
| March 2, 1953 | | | | | 0.15 | | | | | |
| Total per Bushel to June $30^{xx}$ | 1,30 | 1.14 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.91 | 0.73 | $1.33^x$ | $0.81^x$ | $3.10^x$ | $2.33^x$ |
| | | | | | - thousands of dollars - | | | | | |
| Total Farm Returns to June 30 | $ 152,432 | 115,000 | 14,764 | 12,766 | 46,731 | 21,831 | 5,425 | 2,179 | 5,369 | 4,084 |

Total cash returns received for grain delivered between August 1, 1953, and June 30, 1954, are estimated to be $155,860,000 compared with $224,721,000 for the same period in 1952-53.

x Complete payment as these were sold on the open market.

xx Since May 31, 1953, final payments have been made on wheat, oats and barley delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board in the 1952-53 crop year. These payments per bushel (with total estimated returns per bushel in brackets) were as follows: - wheat, 23 cents (1.53); oats, 10 cents ($0.59); and barley 12 cents ($1.03)

## LIVE STOCK PRICES - ALBERTA

### JUNE, 1954, and Six Months Ending JUNE, 1954, Compared to Corresponding Periods in 1953.

| | GOOD STEERS | | GOOD VEAL | | GOOD LAMBS | | $B_1$ HOGS dressed (without bonus) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 |
| | | | | - dollars per hundred pounds - | | | | |
| Month of June | | | | | | | | |
| Calgary | 18.79 | 18.79 | 23.10 | 22.19 | 23.86 | 21.39 | 31.70 | 31.73 |
| Edmonton | 18.01 | 18.32 | 23.51 | 22.67 | 23.18 | 21.44 | 32.01 | 32.44 |
| Lethbridge | 18.11 | 18.63 | 22.33 | 21.92 | - | - | 31.42 | 31.55 |
| January - June | | | | | | | | |
| Calgary | 19.62 | 17.54 | 24.86 | 22.46 | 23.39 | 20.38 | 26.74 | 32.99 |
| Edmonton | 19.12 | 16.95 | 26.90 | 23.07 | 22.06 | 21.25 | 26.64 | 33.70 |
| Lethbridge | 18.83 | 17.60 | 22.84 | 19.62 | - | - | 26.46 | 32.79 |

### PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog-Barley Ratio[x]

| 1933-53 | 1953 | May 1953 | May 1954 | June 1954 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21.5 | 22.2 | 21.1 | 34.2 | 29.6 |

Live Stock Price Relationships[x]

| | 1933-53 | 1953 | May 1953 | May 1954 | June 1954 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Good Steers - $B_1$ Hogs | 85.1 | 84.7 | 80.2 | 67.8 | 73.8 |
| Good Lambs - $B_1$ Hogs | 90.2 | 92.8 | 95.8 | 79.7 | 86.3 |
| Good Steers - Good Lambs | 91.2 | 91.2 | 83.6 | 85.0 | 85.4 |

[x] Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lbs. of Grade $B_1$ live hog at Edmonton prices plus federal premium on hogs.

[x] Prices of 100 lbs. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lbs. $B_1$ live hogs, (federal premium included) or good lambs.

## LIVE STOCK MARKETINGS - ALBERTA

### JUNE, AND SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

| | CATTLE | | CALVES | | SHEEP AND LAMBS | | HOGS | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 |
| | | | | - number of head - | | | | |
| Receipts at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants | | | | | | | | |
| Month of June | 42,760 | 50,620 | 7,305 | 9,132 | 2,216 | 1,852 | 128,949 | 133,727 |
| January - June | 206,177 | 256,936 | 34,710 | 41,421 | 50,496 | 60,826 | 768,955 | 722,622 |
| Shipments to Country Points from Yards and Plants | | | | | | | | |
| Month of June | 4,689 | 6,372 | 514 | 570 | 25 | 134 | - | - |
| January - June | 21,810 | 27,295 | 3,826 | 3,067 | 1,428 | 1,212 | - | - |
| Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants | | | | | | | | |
| Month of June | 38,071 | 44,248 | 6,791 | 8,562 | 2,191 | 1,718 | 128,949 | 133,727 |
| January to June | 184,367 | 229,641 | 30,884 | 38,354 | 49,068 | 59,614 | 768,955 | 722,622 |
| Slaughterings in Uninspected Establishments | | | | | | | | |
| Month of June | | 2,678 | | 574 | | 98 | | 1,827 |
| January - June | | 16,404 | | 4,366 | | 924 | | 14,350 |
| Total Net Live Stock Marketings | | | | | | | | |
| Month of June | 40,749 | 46,926 | 7,365 | 9,136 | 2,289 | 1,816 | 130,776 | 135,554 |
| January - June | 200,771 | 246,045 | 35,250 | 42,720 | 49,992 | 60,538 | 783,305 | 736,972 |
| Estimated Value of Livestock Marketed | | | | | | | | |
| Month of June | $ 6,845,832 | 6,804,270 | 390,345 | 429,392 | 61,803 | 34,504 | 6,669,576 | 7,048,808 |
| January - June | $ 33,444 ,654 | 34,770,445 | 2,133,817 | 2,205,451 | 1,013,850 | 1,196,456 | 33,417,938 | 39,891,730 |

Uninspected slaughterings for 1953 are not available. In calculating total net marketings and values it was assumed that slaughterings in uninspected plants in 1953 equalled slaughterings reported for 1954. Estimated total net income from live stock sales in 1954 with 1953 figures in brackets were: June $14,316,974 ($13,967,556) and for January to June inclusive $78,064,082 ($70,010,259).

## FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS IN ALBERTA

## 1953 - 1954

| | FARM SALES | | | | FARM CASH INCOME | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAY | | JANUARY - MAY | | MAY | | JANUARY - MAY | |
| | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 |
| | - thousands of pounds - | | | | - thousands of dollars - | | | |
| Butterfat for Creamery Butter | 2,497 | 2,326 | 7,809 | 8,081 | 1,398 | 1,325 | 4,534 | 4,738 |
| Dairy Butter | 11 | 7 | 39 | 28 | 6 | 4 | 22 | 16 |
| Milk for Cheese Making | 3,410 | 2,783 | 9,989 | 11,979 | 74 | 61 | 230 | 279 |
| Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream, and Fluid Cream x | 12,830 | 12,170 | 54,737 | 50,618 | 343 | 324 | 1,535 | 1,429 |
| Milk for Fluid Sales | 16,251 | 17,567 | 80,341 | 85,061 | 736 | 792 | 3,640 | 3,852 |
| TOTAL VALUE - - - - - - - - | $ | | | | $ 2,557 | 2,506 | 9,961 | 10,314 |

x Ice Cream and Fluid Cream Converted to Milk Basis.

| | JUNE | | JANUARY - JUNE | | JUNE | | JANUARY - JUNE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 |
| | - thousand dozen - | | | | - dollars - | | | |
| Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations | 1,916 | 2,186 | 10,099 | 10,262 | $ 732,117 | 500,897 | 3,580,419 | 2,917,529 |
| Poultry Marketings through Registered Stations | 350,615 | 430,055 | 1,224,000 | 1,416,000 | $ 129,728 | 103,213 | 433,213 | 377,491 |

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## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

### JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

| | | | 1953 (Jan. - June) | 1954 (Jan. - June) | 6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. | 1953 ( June) | 1954 (June) | 1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | % | | | % |
| Flour Mills (8 Firms) | - Gross Sales | $. | 14,961,935 | 13,944,190 | - 6.30 | 2,732,902 | 2,021,695 | -26.02 |
| | - Production | Barrels. | 1,731,821 | 1,417,976 | -20.42 | 339,473 | 239,551 | -29.43 |
| | | Value $. | 16,924,652 | 13,670,141 | -19.23 | 3,322,828 | 2,219,743 | -33.20 |
| Creamery Butter (1) | - Production | Lbs. | 13,901,191 | 13,939,455 | .27 | 4,379,093 | 4,087,289 | - 6.66 |
| | | Value $. | 8,096,639 | 8,048,143 | - .60 | 2,496,083 | 2,299,100 | - 7.89 |
| Factory Cheese (1) | - Production | Lbs. | 1,330,637 | 1,399,048 | 5.14 | 431,619 | 311,869 | -27.75 |
| | | Value $. | 439,480 | 470,240 | 7.00 | 138,118 | 106,035 | -23.23 |
| Dairy Factories | - Gross Sales | $. | 14,057,829 | 14,897,408 | 5.97 | 2,291,241 | 2,418,122 | 5.54 |
| Packing Plants | - Gross Sales | $. | 53,328,230 | 61,619,910 | 15.55 | 10,126,759 | 10,245,160 | 1.17 |
| | - Production-Meat | Lbs. | 143,023,435 | 152,738,365 | 6.79 | 23,202,185 | 24,425,381 | 5.27 |
| | | Value $. | 42,032,503 | 48,074,047 | 14.37 | 7,357,177 | 7,628,658 | 3.69 |

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

## MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

### JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

| | | | 1953 (Jan. - June) | 1954 (Jan. - June) | 6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. | 1953 (June) | 1954 (June) | 1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | % | | | % |
| Coal (1) | Production | Tons | 2,617,581 | 2,404,935 | - 8.12 | 361,985 | 280,004 | - 22.65 |
| | | Value $. | 13,776,192 | 12,694,698 | - 7.85 | 1,983,581 | 1,535,236 | - 22.61 |
| Salt | Production | Tons | 11,442 | 13,569 | 18.59 | 2,033 | 2,675 | 31.58 |
| Petroleum Products Refined - | Gross Sales | $. | 51,418,219 | 56,739,513 | 10.35 | 10,834,665 | 11,756,251 | 8.51 |
| Propane | Production | Gallons | 6,969,602 | 7,682,481 | 10.23 | 1,437,628 | 1,440,978 | .23 |
| | Sales | Gallons | 6,915,957 | 8,282,716 | 19.76 | 1,341,848 | 1,242,956 | - 7.37 |
| Butane | Production | Gallons | 2,991,881 | 3,295,184 | 10.14 | 642,992 | 647,746 | .74 |
| | Sales | Gallons | 896,622 | 3,026,912 | 237.89 | 111,021 | 441,250 | 297.45 |
| Sulphur | Production | Tons | 8,983 | 10,517 | 17.08 | 1,489 | 1,309 | -12.09 |
| | Sales | Tons | 5,178 | 8,521 | 64.56 | - | 2,205 | |
| Clay Products | Gross Sales | $. | 1,224,090 | 1,407,188 | 14.96 | 206,056 | 255,331 | 23.91 |
| Cement & Cement Products | Gross Sales | $. | 6,448,486 | 6,121,141 | - 5.08 | 1,215,298 | 1,469,507 | 20.92 |
| Cement | Production | Barrels | 1,592,986 | 1,493,137 | - 6.27 | 247,100 | 298,790 | 20.92 |
| | | Value $. | 4,067,923 | 3,775,824 | - 7.18 | 635,047 | 767,890 | 20.92 |
| Lime | Gross Sales | $. | 248,397 | 303,026 | 21.99 | 55,837 | 53,966 | - 3.35 |
| | Production | Tons | 8,926 | 10,560 | 18.31 | 1,807 | 1,967 | 8.85 |
| | | Value $. | 136,107 | 150,551 | 10.61 | 25,656 | 27,370 | 6.68 |

(1) Source; Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

## MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

### MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

| | | | 1 9 5 3 (Jan. - May) | 1 9 5 4 (Jan. - May) | 5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. | 1 9 5 3 (May) | 1 9 5 4 (May) | 1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | % | | | % |
| Petroleum | (1) Production | Barrels | 25,222,178 | 31,741,400 | 25.85 | 5,870,881 | 6,621.439 | 12.78 |
| | Value of Sales | $. | 59,392,770 | 82,909,816 | 39.60 | 14,021,265 | 17,129,804 | 22.17 |
| Natural Gas | (1) Production | M.C.F. | 48,603,233 | 61,003,088 | 25.51 | 8,031,561 | 9,689,248 | 20.64 |
| Petroleum-Crude & Refined | (2) Imports | Gallons | 26,175,229 | 25,868,571 | -1.17 | 6,078,580 | 4,747,804 | -21.89 |
| | Exports | Gallons | 598,529,302 | 980,513,001 | 63.82 | 199,590,517 | 196,994,106 | - 1.30 |
| Petroleum Products Refined | (2) Production | Gallons | 263,642,664 | 278,423,950 | 5.61 | 50,752,167 | 56,337,533 | 11.01 |
| | Imports | Gallons | 6,108,520 | 4,552,160 | -25.48 | 1,888,681 | 915,519 | -51.53 |
| | Exports | Gallons | 59,453,725 | 60,023,166 | .96 | 13,773,008 | 12,166,281 | -11.67 |
| Natural Gasoline | (1) Production | Barrels | 255,359 | 282,206 | 10.51 | 44,584 | 47,988 | 7.64 |
| | Value of Sales | $. | 722,740 | 825,571 | 14.23 | 126,176 | 134,867 | 6.89 |

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, May, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

# GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA

## JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

| | | 1953 (Jan. - June) | 1954 (Jan. - June) | 6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. | 1953 (June) | 1954 (June) | 1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | % | | | % |
| Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production | Lumber-ft.b.m. | 300,882,000 | 276,415,000 | - 8.13 | 4,690,000 | 5,498,000 | 26.82 |
| | Value $. | 12,035,300 | 11,056,600 | - 8.13 | 187,600 | 237,900 | 26.81 |
| Total Value of Lumber & other Forestry Products | $. | 14,699,000 | 13,721,000 | - 6.65 | 224,000 | 274,000 | 22.32 |
| Fur (Wild Life) - Trapped | No. of Pelts | 1,314,108 | 936,226 | -28.76 | 107,398 | 126,555 | 17.84 |
| | Value $. | 1,257,141 | 862,039 | -31.43 | 199,041 | 197,151 | - .95 |
| Fisheries Production 3 Mos. (Jan.-March) | Lbs. | 2,251,154 | 2,272,788 | .96 | - | - | - |
| | Value $. | 272,196 | 392,266 | 44.11 | | | |
| Wholesale Trade - Gross Sales | $. | 267,241,693 | 251,819,957 | - 5.77 | 45,881,051 | 42,884,287 | - 6.53 |
| Machinery, Agricultural - Gross Sales | $. | 36,003,441 | 25,292,617 | -29.75 | 6,060,641 | 4,919,320 | -18.83 |
| Machinery, Other - Gross Sales | $. | 10,577,416 | 7,881,845 | -25.49 | 1,569,174 | 1,249,787 | -20.35 |
| Bank Clearings | $. | 1,900,296,858 | 1,967,698,277 | 3.55 | 356,600,588 | 439,539,127 | 23.26 |

## MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

| | | 1953 (Jan. - May) | 1954 (Jan. - May) | 5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. | 1953 (May) | 1954 (May) | 1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | % | | | % |
| Department Store Sales (1) | $. | 37,759,000 | 37,990,000 | .61 | 8,330,000 | 8,247,000 | - 1.00 |
| Retail Trade - Gross Sales (2) | $. | 376,410,000 | 353,526,000 | - 6.08 | 86,770,000 | 77,962,000 | -10.15 |
| New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (3) | No. | 21,351 | 15,212 | -28.75 | 4,593 | 3,179 | -30.79 |
| | Value $. | 53,493,000 | 38,972,000 | -27.15 | 11,477,000 | 8,303,000 | -27.66 |
| Bank Debits (4) | $. | 3,512,047,000 | 3,648,065,000 | 3.87 | 705,546,000 | 738,189,000 | 4.63 |
| Customs' Duty Receipts | $. | 7,327,528 | 5,667,505 | -22.66 | 1,577,462 | 1,338,680 | -15.14 |
| Electric Power - Consumption (5) | K.W.Hrs. | 535,006,000 | 619,808,000 | 15.85 | 103,553,000 | 115,078,000 | 11.13 |

(1) Source: Department Store Sales and Stocks, Vol. XIX, No. 5, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: Retail Trade Vol. XXVI, No. 5, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVI, No. 5, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(4) Source: Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 31, No. 5, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(5) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 22, No. 5, 1954, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

# CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

## JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

| BUILDING PERMITS: | | 1953 (Jan. - June) | 1954 (Jan. - June) | 6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. | 1953 (June) | 1954 (June) | 1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | % | | | % |
| CALGARY (1) | Number | 2,459 | 1,677 | - 31.80 | 390 | 452 | 15.90 |
| | Value $. | 20,935,116 | 21,059,909 | .60 | 3,171,576 | 5,144,926 | 62.22 |
| EDMONTON | Number | 3,361 | 3,580 | 6.52 | 936 | 1,156 | 23.50 |
| | Value $. | 27,688,731 | 32,245,354 | 16.46 | 9,042,414 | 10,791,479 | 19.34 |
| LETHBRIDGE | Number | 348 | 405 | 16.38 | 83 | 90 | 8.43 |
| | Value $. | 5,183,866 | 4,273,062 | - 17.57 | 678,990 | 1,779,091 | 162.02 |
| MEDICINE HAT | Number | 244 | 225 | - 7.79 | 48 | 67 | 39.58 |
| | Value $. | 1,723,100 | 1,178,699 | - 31.60 | 296,600 | 325,650 | 9.79 |
| RED DEER | Number | 175 | 146 | - 16.57 | 45 | 52 | 15.56 |
| | Value $. | 1,815,200 | 1,269,050 | - 30.09 | 236,800 | 680,200 | 187.25 |
| DRUMHELLER | Number | 32 | 36 | 12.50 | 10 | 7 | - 30.00 |
| | Value $. | 77,150 | 284,003 | 268.12 | 21,175 | 11,450 | - 45.93 |
| WETASKIWIN | Number | 72 | 63 | - 12.50 | 15 | 13 | - 13.33 |
| | Value $. | 640,340 | 236,985 | - 62.99 | 67,500 | 56,510 | - 16.28 |
| TOTAL (7 CITIES) . . . . . . . . . | NUMBER | 6,691 | 6,132 | - 8.36 | 1,527 | 1,837 | 20.30 |
| | VALUE $. | 58,063,503 | 60,547,062 | 4.28 | 13,515,055 | 18,789,306 | 39.03 |

| CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1) | | 1953 (Jan. - June) | 1954 (Jan. - June) | 6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. | 1953 (June) | 1954 (June) | 1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | % | | | % |
| RESIDENTIAL | Number | 3,110 | 2,111 | - 32.12 | 726 | 643 | - 11.43 |
| | Value $. | 44,511,000 | 22,912,000 | - 48.53 | 7,121,300 | 6,865,400 | - 3.59 |
| BUSINESS | Number | 410 | 302 | - 26.34 | 78 | 83 | 6.41 |
| | Value $. | 27,496,200 | 28,162,400 | 2.42 | 4,104,000 | 6,102,400 | 48.69 |
| INDUSTRIAL | Number | 50 | 41 | - 18.00 | 16 | 7 | - 56.25 |
| | Value $. | 3,683,600 | 21,249,100 | 476.86 | 1,916,800 | 5,486,200 | 186.22 |
| ENGINEERING | Number | 232 | 124 | - 46.55 | 33 | 48 | 45.45 |
| | Value $. | 48,595,500 | 33,413,000 | - 31.24 | 8,012,500 | 7,170,600 | - 10.51 |
| | NUMBER | 3,802 | 2,578 | - 32.19 | 853 | 781 | - 8.44 |
| | VALUE $. | 124,286,300 | 105,736,500 | - 14.93 | 21,154,600 | 25,624,600 | 21.13 |

(1) Source: Building Reporter, July, 1954, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

# VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

## JULY AND SEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953.

| | 1953 (Jan. - July) | 1954 (Jan. - July) | 7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. | 1953 (July) | 1954 (July) | 1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | % | | | % |
| Banff - - - - - - - - - - - - | 374,341 | 361,768 | - 3.36 | 161,760 | 165,388 | 2.24 |
| Elk Island - - - - - - - - - | 125,231 | 99,773 | - 20.33 | 52,313 | 56,194 | 7.42 |
| Jasper - - - - - - - - - - - | 67,099 | 57,985 | - 13.58 | 44,403 | 43,959 | - 1.00 |
| Waterton Lakes - - - - - - - | 111,694 | 128,703 | 15.23 | 69,173 | 77,185 | 11.58 |
| TOTAL | 678,365 | 648,229 | - 4.44 | 327,649 | 342,726 | 4.60 |

## AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS[1]

## FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

## JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

| | 1953 (Jan. - June) | 1954 (Jan. - June) | 6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. | 1953 (June) | 1954 (June) | 1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | % | | | % |
| Aden - - - - - - - - - - - - | 108 | 143 | 32.41 | 23 | 41 | 78.26 |
| Carway - - - - - - - - - - | 3,023 | 3,210 | 6.01 | 2,151 | 2,369 | 10.13 |
| Chief Mountain - - - - - - | 1,346 | 1,338 | - .59 | 1,298 | 1,267 | - 2.39 |
| Coutts - - - - - - - - - - - | 14,931 | 17,145 | 14.83 | 4,481 | 5,966 | 33.14 |
| Del Bonita - - - - - - - - - | 566 | 598 | 5.65 | 99 | 130 | 31.31 |
| Wild Horse - - - - - - - - - | 200 | 218 | 9.00 | 61 | 75 | 22.95 |
| TOTAL | 20,179 | 22,652 | 12.26 | 8,113 | 9,848 | 21.39 |

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(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

# DETAILS OF ALBERTA REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

## MAY - 1954

| FIRMS DESIGNATED AS: | GASOLINE GALS. | DIESEL FUEL GALS. | KEROSENE GALS. | OTHER FUEL GALS. | MISC. FUEL GALS. | TOTAL GALS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A- | 1,366,470 | 623,000 | | 624,330 | 400,295 | 3,014,095 |
| AA- | 4,882,150 | 873,005 | 181,650 | 1,177,085 | 114,695 | 7,228,585 |
| B- | 181,860 | - | - | - | - | 181,860 |
| BB- | 26,863 | 119,881 | 93,308 | 590,756 | 35,000 | 865,808 |
| C- | 684,347 | 331,584 | 120,953 | - | - | 1,136,884 |
| G- | 149,030 | 157,170 | 170,910 | 5,245,381 | - | 5,722,491 |
| H- | 4,352,139 | 616,483 | 479☆ | 798,551 | - | 5,766,694 |
| J- | 12,088,313 | 5,919,812 | 185,491 | 3,916,938 | 1,148,630 | 23,259,184 |
| L- | 1,037,015 | - | - | - | - | 1,037,015 |
| M- | 20,545 | 21,105 | 31,955 | 201,040 | - | 274,645 |
| N- | 5,465,285 | 427,945 | 105☆ | 1,746,745 | 24,045 | 7,663,915 |
| O- | 4,543 | - | - | 178,938 | - | 183,481 |
| P- | 2,876 | - | - | - | - | 2,876 |
| TOTAL - - - - - - - | 30,261,436 | 9,089,985 | 783,683 | 14,479,764 | 1,722,665 | 56,337,533 |

☆ Adjustment - Deduct.

# WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

## JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

| | 1953 (Jan. - June) | 1954 (Jan. - June) | 3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. | 1953 (June) | 1954 (June) | 1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BY TYPES | | | % | | | % |
| Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies | 55,720,260 | 45,392,111 | -18.54 | 10,175,947 | 6,421,096 | -36.90 |
| Boots and Shoes | 1,318,959 | 1,216,804 | - 7.75 | 188,433 | 146,057 | -22.49 |
| Drugs | 3,967,735 | 4,225,169 | 6.49 | 659,540 | 689,570 | 4.55 |
| Dry Goods | 6,224,738 | 5,556,809 | -10.73 | 682,506 | 657.488 | - 3.67 |
| Electrical Appliances and Radios | 20,775,171 | 20,473,141 | - 1.45 | 3,184,055 | 3,298,977 | 3.61 |
| Florists | 165,648 | 179,630 | 8.44 | 18,995 | 19,051 | .29 |
| Furniture | 3,319,820 | 2,214,926 | -33.28 | 632,255 | 363,242 | -42.55 |
| Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables) | 65,335,856 | 67,187,953 | 2.83 | 10,995,286 | 11,549,930 | 5.04 |
| Hardware | 29,028,898 | 25,389,608 | -12.54 | 4,353,165 | 3,928,731 | - 9.75 |
| Lumber and Building Supplies | 21,717,747 | 20,333,353 | - 6.38 | 4,128,672 | 4,442,817 | 7.61 |
| Paints and Varnishes | 4,512,063 | 4,520,590 | .19 | 1,233,992 | 1,384,133 | 12.17 |
| Paper | 5,010,302 | 4,784,653 | - 4.50 | 818,128 | 876,583 | 7.14 |
| Tobacco | 9,005,416 | 9,331,526 | 3.62 | 1,653,141 | 1,740,498 | 5.28 |
| Oilfield Supplies | 5,358,887 | 6,251,751 | 16.66 | 633,603 | 780,700 | 23.22 |
| Carbonated Beverages | 8,937,263 | 8,216,669 | - 8.06 | 1,873,935 | 1,672,591 | -10.75 |
| Miscellaneous | 26,842,930 | 26,545,274 | - 1.11 | 4,649,398 | 4,912,823 | 5.67 |
| TOTAL | 267,241,693 | 251,819,967 | - 5.77 | 45,881,051 | 42,884,287 | - 6.53 |
| BY LOCATIONS | | | | | | |
| Calgary | 104,274,659 | 88,672,548 | -14.96 | 18,277,206 | 14,579,775 | -20.23 |
| Edmonton | 55,465,054 | 53,529,431 | - 3.49 | 9,659,328 | 9,562,224 | - 1.01 |
| Lethbridge | 8,249,883 | 8,509,714 | 3.15 | 1,551,108 | 1,541,329 | - .63 |
| Medicine Hat | 639,588 | 707,644 | 10.64 | 101,183 | 117,543 | 16.17 |
| Smaller Centres | 3,413,808 | 3,421,726 | .23 | 963,310 | 1,039,955 | 7.96 |
| Major Cities - not distributable by location | 95,198,701 | 96,978,904 | 1.87 | 15,328,916 | 16,043,461 | 4.66 |
| TOTAL | 267,241,693 | 251,819,967 | - 5.77 | 45,881,051 | 42,884,287 | - 6.53 |

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

# RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953.

| | 1953 (Jan - May) | 1954 (Jan - May) | 5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. | 1953 (May) | 1954 ( May) | 1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | % | $ | $ | % |
| TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE | 376,410,000 (a) | 353,526,000 (a) | -6.08 | 86,770,000 (a) | 77,962,000 (a) | - 10.15 |
| Grocery and Combination Stores | 46,835,000 | 48,724,000 | 4.03 | 10,241,000 | 10,570,000 | 3.21 |
| Meat Stores | 5,529,000 | 5,691,000 | 2.93 | 1,225,000 | 1,174,000 | - 4.16 |
| Country General Stores | 23,168,000 | 23,334,000 | .72 | 5,383,000 | 5,114,000 | - 5.00 |
| Department Stores | 37,766,000 | 37,990,000 | .59 | 8,330,000 | 8,247,000 | - 1.00 |
| Variety Store | 4,036,000 | 4,026,000 | - .25 | 869,000 | 845,000 | - 2.76 |
| Motor Vehicle Dealers | 90,379,000 | 76,599,000 | - 15.25 | 21,750,000 | 16,878,000 | - 22.40 |
| Garage and Filling Stations | 22,421,000 | 22,867,000 | - 1.99 | 4,623,000 | 3,860,000 | - 16.51 |
| Men's Clothing Stores | 5,856,000 | 5,526,000 | - 5.64 | 1,358,000 | 1,146,000 | - 15.61 |
| Family Clothing Stores | 4,365,000 | 3,984,000 | - 8.73 | 1,112,000 | 968,000 | - 12.95 |
| Women's Clothing Stores | 6,096,000 | 5,567,000 | - 8.68 | 1,684,000 | 1,595,000 | - 5.29 |
| Shoe Stores | 2,130,000 | 2,058,000 | - 3.38 | 571,000 | 518,000 | - 9.28 |
| Hardware Stores | 9,873,000 | 8,997,000 | - 8.87 | 2,664,000 | 2,310,000 | - 13.29 |
| Lumber & Building Material Dealers | 18,159,000 | 15,611,000 | - 14.03 | 4,273,000 | 3,692,000 | - 13.60 |
| Furniture Store | 4,503,000 | 3,819,000 | - 15.19 | 919,000 | 818,000 | - 10.99 |
| Appliances and Radio Stores | (b) | (b) | | (b) | (b) | |
| Restaurants | 14,869,000 | 12,816,000 | - 13.81 | 3,916,000 | 3,365,000 | - 14.07 |
| Coal and Wood Dealers | (b) | (b) | | (b) | (b) | |
| Drug Stores | 8,091,000 | 8,126,000 | .43 | 1,629,000 | 1,676,000 | 2.89 |
| Jewellery Stores | (b) | (b) | | (b) | (b) | |
| Tobacco Stores | (b) | (b) | | (b) | (b) | |
| All Other Trades | 61,038,000 | 57,524,000 | - 5.76 | 13,822,000 | 12,994,000 | - 5.99 |

(a) Any slight difference between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(b) Not Available.

Source: Retail Trade Vol. XXVI, No. 5, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

# LABOUR REVIEW

## Alberta Summary for Period Ending 1st June, 1954

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 54, No. 6, June, 1954)

Economic activity in the Prairie regions showed a decided increase during May and employment was at almost the same level as last year. This employment increase was more than twice as great as in the same period in 1953, largely because activity was retarded in April this year but accelerated considerably in May.

The year to year decline in activity was largely concentrated in coal mining, transportation and manufacturing, particularly the manufacture of transportation equipment, iron and steel products and clothing. Farm labour demand was lower than last year, partly because rain delayed seeding operations and reduced wheat acreage. Construction employment at April 1 was 5% lower than a year earlier; during May, however, construction activity showed a marked up swing.

### Metropolitan Areas

Increasing activity substantially reduced labour surpluses in Winnipeg, Edmonton and Calgary but did not quite bring these areas into balance, largely because of a continuing influx of workers. Job applications at N.E.S. offices in these three cities declined by about one-third during the month but were still about twice as numerous as last year at June 1. The employment increase was greatest in Calgary and was particularly marked in construction. In Edmonton labour surpluses were slow to diminish because of a smaller movement of woods and mine workers to British Columbia and because of continuing wet weather.

### Major Agriculture and Minor Areas

A seasonal up turn in demand for farm and construction labour resulted in balanced labour markets in Lethbridge and Medicine Hat.

## Employment and Payrolls

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers' contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situations at the 1st of June, 1954, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

# EMPLOYEES, PAYROLLS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

## At MAY 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding date in 1953

| | Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment | | Average Weekly Wages and Salaries | | Employees Reported |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 1. 1953 | May 1. 1954 | May 1. 1953 $ | May 1. 1954 $ | May 1. 1954 |
| Mining | 110.7 | 104.4 | 69.88 | 75.46 | 16,196 |
| Coal | 61.0 | 49.2 | 50.11 | 56.75 | 3,972 |
| Oil and Natural Gas Wells | 183.9 | 175.9 | 77.36 | 80.76 | 10,863 |
| Manufacturing | 123.3 | 122.2 | 58.06 | 60.91 | 24,604 |
| Food and Beverages | 106.8 | 107.6 | 56.18 | 60.58 | 7,910 |
| Meat Products | 116.6 | 114.6 | 60.92 | 66.14 | 3,642 |
| Wood Products | 127.6 | 97.5 | 46.30 | 47.56 | 2,564 |
| Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries | 100.7 | 101.9 | 56.78 | 58.73 | 1,155 |
| Iron and Steel Products | 145.6 | 130.0 | 66.06 | 67.02 | 2,365 |
| Transportation Equipment | 162.6 | 142.1 | 62.73 | 59.96 | 4,202 |
| Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j) | 105.1 | 125.8 | 53.46 | 55.42 | 1,979 |
| Products of Petroleum and Coal | 129.8 | 131.3 | 80.10 | 86.08 | 1,258 |
| Construction | 159.4 | 136.0 | 66.30 | 61.35 | 14,758 |
| Buildings and Structures (k) | 202.3 | 142.8 | 73.89 | 63.82 | 8,491 |
| Highways, Bridges and Streets | 124.8 | 127.8 | 52.45 | 58.00 | 6,267 |
| Transportation, Storage, Communication | 113.4 | 108.6 | 61.11 | 63.00 | 22,595 |
| Steam Railways | 105.2 | 95.7 | 65.67 | 66.47 | 12,798 |
| Electric and Motor Transportation (p) | 132.9 | 130.8 | 58.21 | 63.45 | 3,341 |
| Storage | 110.2 | 113.8 | 50.91 | 54.27 | 2,657 |
| Trade | 123.8 | 123.9 | 50.20 | 52.47 | 24,551 |
| Wholesale | 126.4 | 125.9 | 53.55 | 56.02 | 8,779 |
| Retail | 122.5 | 122.7 | 48.29 | 50.49 | 15,772 |
| Service | 106.2 | 117.2 | 38.92 | 39.45 | 6,601 |
| Hotels and Restaurants | 96.3 | 112.0 | 38.71 | 38.81 | 4,433 |
| Industrial Composite | 123.6 | 118.5 | 58.57 | 59.95 | 118,731 |

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(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.

(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.

(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, May, 1954.
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

## EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS (CONTINUED)

Employment, Payrolls and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries at MAY, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953.

| | Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment | | Average Weekly Wages and Salaries | | Employee Reported |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 1. 1953 | May 1. 1954 | May 1. 1953 $ | May 1. 1954 $ | May 1. 1954 |
| CALGARY | | | | | |
| Manufacturing - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 122.7 | 116.5 | 61.18 | 63.68 | 8,769 |
| Foods and Beverages - - - - - - - - | 113.4 | 107.8 | 57.79 | 64.15 | 2,705 |
| Transportation Equipment - - - - - | 155.3 | 135.4 | 64.11 | 61.94 | 2,476 |
| Construction - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 146.0 | 134.0 | 56.28 | 60.67 | 2,642 |
| Wholesale Trade - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 119.2 | 120.8 | 54.14 | 56.06 | 3,760 |
| Retail Trade - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 116.7 | 121.1 | 49.82 | 51.85 | 6,074 |
| Industrial Composite - - - - - - - - - - | 123.9 | 124.4 | 55.46 | 57.87 | 30,305 |
| EDMONTON | | | | | |
| Manufacturing - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 138.6 | 139.9 | 59.16 | 61.48 | 10.363 |
| Foods and Beverages - - - - - - - - | 117.2 | 120.4 | 57.34 | 61.00 | 3,648 |
| Meat Products - - - - - - - - - | 117.6 | 119.8 | 59.90 | 64.33 | 2,453 |
| Construction - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 203.4 | 134.2 | 80.33 | 61.96 | 5,175 |
| W holesale Trade - - - - - - - - - - - - | 136.9 | 140.5 | 52.80 | 55.45 | 3,833 |
| Retail Trade - - - - - - - - - - - - - - | 125.8 | 125.0 | 48.21 | 51.02 | 6,944 |
| Industrial Composite - - - - - - - - - - | 143.6 | 135.7 | 59.02 | 56.63 | 34,166 |

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, May, 1954

Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

### At MAY 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

| | Average Hours | | Average Hourly Earnings | | Average Weekly Wages | | Wage Earners Reported |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 1 1953 | May 1 1954 | May 1 1953 ¢ | May 1 1954 ¢ | May 1 1953 $ | May 1 1954 $ | May 1 1954 |
| Coal Mining | 25.8 | 29.3 | 181.2 | 182.5 | 46.75 | 53.47 | 3,407 |
| Oil and Natural Gas Production | 42.6 | 42.0 | 167.7 | 175.1 | 71.44 | 73.54 | 3,695 |
| Manufacturing | 40.5 | 39.8 | 139.6 | 146.4 | 56.54 | 58.27 | 16,780 |
| Foods and Beverages | 38.9 | 39.6 | 135.6 | 144.9 | 52.75 | 57.38 | 5,236 |
| Meat Products | 37.8 | 39.5 | 149.5 | 158.3 | 56.51 | 62.53 | 2,547 |
| Transportation Equipment | 41.9 | 38.1 | 151.4 | 152.7 | 63.44 | 58.18 | 3,252 |
| Buildings and Structures (h) | 41.3 | 36.8 | 178.5 | 169.7 | 73.72 | 62.45 | 6,690 |
| Electric and Motor Transportation (i) | 39.7 | 39.6 | 139.9 | 150.7 | 55.54 | 59.68 | 1,911 |
| Service (j) | 42.6 | 40.0 | 88.0 | 91.7 | 37.49 | 36.68 | 3,948 |

Source: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, May 1, 1954.
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and Structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.

## (1) ADVANCE INDEX NUMBERS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS, JUNE, 1954, WITH INDEXES FOR A YEAR EARLIER (1949 = 100)

## (2) AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

| | (1) EMPLOYMENT | | (1) PAYROLLS | | (2) AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June 1. 1954 | June 1. 1953 | June 1. 1954 | June 1. 1953 | June 1. 1954 | June 1. 1953 |
| | | | | | $ | $ |
| Newfoundland | 125.1 | 144.1 | 183.7 | 222.4 | 55.10 | 58.37 |
| Prince Edward Island | 111.0 | 118.8 | 148.7 | 160.6 | 45.16 | 45.57 |
| Nova Scotia | 94.3 | 100.7 | 124.3 | 130.1 | 49.35 | 48.31 |
| New Brunswick | 94.9 | 99.6 | 124.3 | 127.8 | 49.55 | 48.55 |
| Quebec | 107.6 | 111.8 | 145.7 | 148.9 | 55.62 | 54.72 |
| Ontario | 110.7 | 113.7 | 151.7 | 153.5 | 60.66 | 59.78 |
| Manitoba | 102.9 | 106.7 | 135.2 | 138.6 | 55.89 | 55.37 |
| Saskatchewan | 116.7 | 115.1 | 156.6 | 152.4 | 55.59 | 54.88 |
| Alberta | 124.6 | 127.7 | 166.1 | 169.3 | 59.18 | 59.83 |
| British Columbia | 105.9 | 108.1 | 151.0 | 152.7 | 65.07 | 64.55 |
| Canada - Composite Index | 108.9 | 112.4 | 148.7 | 151.5 | | |
| Canada - Manufacturing | 107.7 | 113.4 | 149.1 | 154.0 | 60.57 | 59.43 |
| Canada - Composite Figure | - | - | - | - | 58.44 | 57.72 |

Source: Prepared in the Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division

Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.